

**RFP Number: T37/09/24**

**RFP description: APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR A COMPREHENSIVE FEASIBILITY STUDY, BUSINESS CASE AND SPECIALIST STUDIES FOR NKOMAZI SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE**

**Question and Answers Version 1**

No.	Question	Type	Answer
1	Can you please confirm the revised closing date since the 24 September 2024 is a public holiday	Admin	New closing date - 27 September 2024 at 11h00 am
2	Email Response Capacity for this Submission is 50MB, is it permissible to submit more than one email for the same bid? For example, if your Document is 300MB, can't I divide that into six email submissions	Admin	The submission can be splitted into different emails however these need to come through before the cut off time (11h00 am)
3	On Page 34 of the ToRit indicates that the "key staff must have at least ten (10) years' experience in executing business case development and packaging in the municipal infrastructure space as a minimum". Please confirm if each team member requires 10 years of experience in this field? Or 10 years' experience in their respective fields?	Technical	Corrected - <b>QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS OF KEY PERSONNEL (5.1.4):</b> The bidder's key personnel of the proposed team must have relevant qualifications, skills and at least 10 years experience in respective fields as a minimum:
4	<p>The above cited bid is multidisciplinary in nature and may result in prime contractor, subcontractor arrangements so as to attain the pooling of skills and competencies among different organisations.</p> <p>My question relates to professional indemnity and the signing off on the compliance of work products by the parties in the prime contractor, sub-contractor arrangement. I think my question is best illustrated through an example.</p> <p>Take as an example the case where the prime contractor has no geotechnical skills but sub-contracts a company with the requisite geotechnical competency, registration/accreditation with relevant regulatory bodies as well as professional indemnity insurance for geotechnical work products. Will the IDC approve of a contract between the prime and the sub-contractor indicating that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The sub-contractor's registered professional will be liable for signing off work certifying compliance of geotechnical work products with the requisite standards and regulations governing geotechnical work.</li> <li>•The sub-contractor and not the prime will be held liable directly by the IDC with respect to adherence of geotechnical work products with the relevant professional standards.</li> </ul> <p>Other than professional compliance of work products, the prime contractor retains liability to the IDC regarding all the requirements normally placed on prime contractors such as project management liaison with IDC and on time delivery.</p> <p>If the arrangement is not acceptable, can you advise how the IDC has dealt historically with this type of issue which will of necessity crop up in multidisciplinary projects?</p>	Admin	The IDC clearly states in the bid document - <i>In the event that the bidding structure is a Prime Contractor with Sub-contractor(s), then the Prime Contractor must hold the highest percentage allocation in terms of the value of the contract</i> . Therefore the contract will be signed with the Prime Contractor who will be responsible for delivery on the service required. The Prime contractor will be liable to manage its subcontractors as per their signed agreement.